

MINUTES

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

October 10, 2006

Meeting No. 47

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Parker, John Bordenave, Larry Roberts, Linda Morales, Bill Zimmerman, John Wallace, John Wise, Kieran Fasse, B.J. Voelkel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Blau, Lori Jones Woods, E. Linwood Smith, Robert Smolinsky, Jeff Stanley

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Duarte, Frank Sousa, Karen Rahn, Jim DuBois, Patricia Gehlen, Joaquin Solis, Michael McCrory, Andrew Gasparro, Tina Lee, J. Linville, Jim Glock, Yash Desai, Karl Ryan, Rick Murillo, Matt Flick, Lori Andersen, Leslie Liberti, Joanne Hershenhorn, John Oliver, Laith Alshami, Ryan Stucki, Gordon Stone

AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Linda Morales.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the SAC introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF SAC MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

Larry Roberts moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2006. Bill Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – WASH APPLICATION FOR THE SIERRA MORADO SUBDIVISION ON CIVANO WASH

John Wise recused himself from discussion. Patricia Gehlen from the Development Services Department gave some background information on the Wash Application submitted for the Sierra Morado Subdivision on Civano Wash. The Mayor and Council approved the Sierra Morado/Civano Planned area Development in 2005. The Civano Wash runs north and south through the eastern portion of the development. Development is proposed within the 50-foot study area. B.J. Voelkel expressed her concern regarding how the 50-foot study area was measured. Staff stated that the WASH Ordinance requires the measurement be taken from the top of bank except in situations where there is not a definable bank. In such cases, measurement is taken from the 10-year floodplain boundary. A second concern was the number of proposed crossings (seven road crossings and seven pedestrian crossings) and whether erosion issues for the embankment were being addressed by the developer.

After some discussion, Larry Roberts moved to accept the WASH application as submitted. John Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes, two opposed, and one abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – OPEN MEETING LAW

Michael McCrory from the City Attorney's Office explained recent changes to the Open Meeting Law and addressed questions on what constitutes a conflict of interest. He stated that a conflict of interest would need to be a matter in which the member had a direct financial interest. Mr. McCrory also cautioned members of SAC against discussing any matters within e-mails as this could be designated as a meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – INTERIM WATERCOURSE PRESERVATION POLICY

Leslie Liberti, Director of the Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development, discussed the Interim Wash Preservation Policy and Development Standard and asked members of SAC and City staff to review the policy and provide any comments or feedback to her before October 12.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – STAC UPDATE

Concrete Wash Treatment, Interpretation of Tucson Code 29-16.b.1.b

John Wallace submitted a letter written by members of the STAC Committee on interpretation of the Tucson Code 29-16.b1.b concerning Concrete Wash Treatments. After discussion, Kieran Fasse made a motion to forward the interpretation to the Development Services Department. The motion was seconded by Larry Roberts and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

Member/Ward Updates

John Bordenave passed out his report from Ward 1 and an article from the Arizona Daily Star entitled "Keeping Things Clean and Beautiful."

Staff gave a report on Public Outreach activities since the last meeting:

- On September 15, staff gave a presentation at Marshall Elementary School on the far east side for approximately 42 students.
- The annual Water Festival was held this year on September 29 at Arthur Pack Park. This is a joint effort with the Water Resource Research Center at the University of Arizona and Project Wet. Approximately 1,000 kids and their teachers and parents from the Marana, Flowing Wells, and Amphi School Districts attended.
- September 30 was the date for the "Save-a-Life Saturday" sponsored by the American Red Cross at the Doubletree at Reid Park. About 1,000 people attended and took advantage of the various demonstrations on CPR and safety.

- The Raytheon Environmental Health and Safety Fair is held every year at their two locations – Rita Road and the Airport. Staff was present at both locations to talk with employees and raise awareness of stormwater issues.
- On October 6, a presentation was given to approximately 75 students at Jefferson Park Elementary. On October 9 a presentation and talk was given to approximately 75 3rd and 4th graders at Myers-Ganoung Elementary.
- Work continues on the Middle School Project Book and online activities.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

It was decided that the “Query to the Audience” item would be added to the agenda after approval of the minutes so that anyone in attendance who wishes to speak on an item can be recognized by the Chair when appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next SAC meeting is set for Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. Meeting will be held at the Joel Valdez Main Library, Lower Level (LL1) Meeting Room. It was suggested that the procedure for measuring the 50-foot study area on a protected wash be explained as a topic on the next meeting agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m. on a motion by John Parker, seconded by B.J. Voelkel.